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## **ABSTRAK**

Penyelidikan eksperimen telah dijalankan untuk mengkaji ujian Mampatan seksyen sigma terbina dingin yang dibentuk pada lubang Tiang keluli sejuk dan untuk menentukan beban mampatan maksimum seksyen sigma lajur keluli terbentuk sejuk. Sebanyak 8 spesimen tiang keluli dengan lubang dan tanpa lubang dan juga ketebalan 1.2 dan 2.0 mm telah diuji menggunakan mesin ujian sejagat (UTM). Aplikasi tipikal termasuk rangka untuk tingkap, pintu masuk, dinding geser, dan bangunan berbingkai berbingkai sejuk berbentuk lantai di mana lantai bawah menggunakan kancing binaan untuk membawa beban. Stud terbina dalam kajian ini terdiri daripada lapan bahagian Sigma berorientasikan back-to-back membentuk suatu keratan rentas berbentuk I. Untuk setiap spesimen, stud disambungkan ke satu sama lain dengan dua skru penggerudian diri jarak pada jarak tertentu. Seksyen trek keluli yang terbentuk sejuk bersambung yang berfungsi tegak lurus untuk setiap hujung stud yang dibina dengan skru penggerudian sendiri melalui setiap bahagian sigma. Tujuan bahagian lajur adalah untuk mengekalkan hujung kancing bersama dan mewakili lampiran akhir biasa. Hasil penyelidikan, beban mampatan maksimum ditunjukkan dan mod kegagalan kerangka keluli terbentuk sejuk dengan pelbagai kedudukan lubang

## **ABSTRACT**

An experimental investigation was conducted to study the Compression test of built-up sigma section cold-formed steel Column holes and to determine the maximum compression load of sigma section Cold-Formed steel column. A total 8 specimen of steel column with holes and without holes and also thickness 1.2 and 2.0 mm were tested using universal testing machine (UTM). Typical applications include framing for windows, doorways, shear walls, and multi-story cold-formed steel framed buildings in which the lower floor utilizes built-up studs to carry the load. The built-up studs in this study consisted of eight Sigma sections oriented back-to-back forming an I-shaped cross-section. For each specimen, the studs were connected to each other with two self-drilling screws spaced at a set interval. A cold-formed steel track section was connected running perpendicular to each end of the built-up stud with a single self-drilling screw through each of the sigma sections. The purpose of the column section was to keep the ends of the studs together and represents a common end attachment. As a result of the investigation, the maximum compression load was shown and the mode of failure of cold-formed steel column with the various position of holes.

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## **LIST OF SYMBOLS**

mm	Milimetre
T1	Transducer 1
kN	Kilo Newton

## **LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

CFS	Cold-formed Steel
BE	Built-up Sigma
HRS	Hot-rolled Steel
UTM	Universal Testing Machine
LB	Local Buckling
D	Distortional
W	Warping
LMB	Local Middle Back
LMF	Local Middle Front
WMB	Warping Middle Bac
DMB	Distortional Middle Back
LMF	Local Middle Front
WMB	Web buckling Middle Bottom
FMD	Front Middle Distortional
BMW	Back Middle Warping

## **CHAPTER 1**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **1.1 Introduction**

The building construction industry utilizes cold-formed steel members extensively to the advantages offered for the construction materials. Cold-formed steel (CFS) section has been increasingly used nowadays in different building construction, such as trusses members, floor joists and wall studs. Cold formed steel (CFS) sections are manufactured from steel sheets, strips or plates at room temperature. Cold-formed steel (CFS) sections are material that usually uses in construction for residential and commercial construction due to strong, safe, durable and effective cost with saves the construction time. In addition, CFS members are often thin-walled, therefore local plate buckling and cross section distortion and warping result in preliminary failure if not incorporated in the design.

The additional flexibility due to slip in connections further complicates the development of a suitable design method for built-up CFS members. CFS sections have many advantages compared to conventional hot-rolled steel sections, such as the ease of fabrication, low cost in transportation, handling and storage, fast erection and installation, and excellent strength to weight ratio. As the demand for light-weight steel structures continues to rise, efficient and accurate design of cold-formed steel elements is essential. One frequently used cold-formed steel member is a built-up member, formed by two or more attached steel elements back forming an I-shaped cross-section.

Open sections of CFS such as sigma sections area extensively used in light steel construction of wall, roof and floor framing members. Holes in cold formed steel structure can be found. It usually found in low and midrise construction while spaced holes are placed in the webs of cold-formed steel columns that to allow electrical,

plumbing and heating services to pass through walls and ceilings. Distortional buckling is recognized as a design limit state for cold-formed steel columns with open cross-sections, separate from that of global (Moen, et al., 2009).

The most commonly used CFS sections are Z, C and sigma sections shown in figure 1.1 **Error! Reference source not found.** As a result, in recent years CFS sections have been widely used as structural members in residential and industrial buildings. The Z section is nearly vertical when the sections are orientated in line with the pitch angle while C and sigma sections need emerging modern shallow roof construction. The sigma shaped CFS member has recently been introduced to the US construction market as a compression member. This shape has typically been used in Europe, mainly as a roof purlin (Klingshirn, et al., 2010).

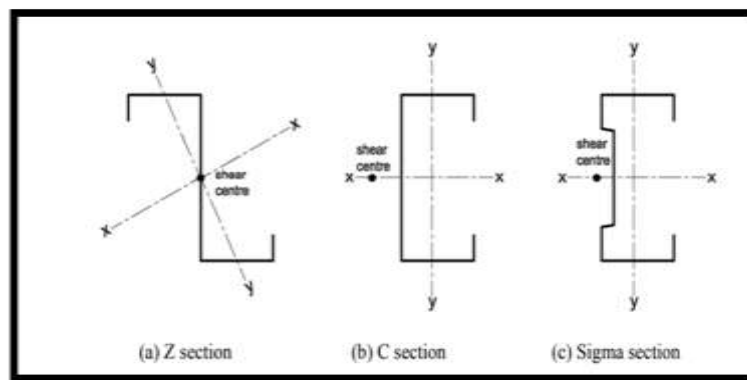


Figure 1.1 Typical CFS Z, C and sigma sections

## 1.2 Problem Statement

CFS sections have many advantages compared to conventional hot-rolled steel sections, such as the ease of fabrication, low cost in transportation, handling and storage, fast erection and installation, and excellent strength to weight ratio. Cold formed section usually thinner and have mode of failure and deformation as shown in Figure 1.2. Usually Cold formed section are not commonly encountered in normal structural steel design. In addition, cold formed produce structural imperfections which are quite different from traditionally hot rolled and welded members. A thin walled member under compression



are possibility will occur the buckling. So that, the mode of failure such as local buckling, web buckling, Distortional buckling, flexural buckling will happen for this section.

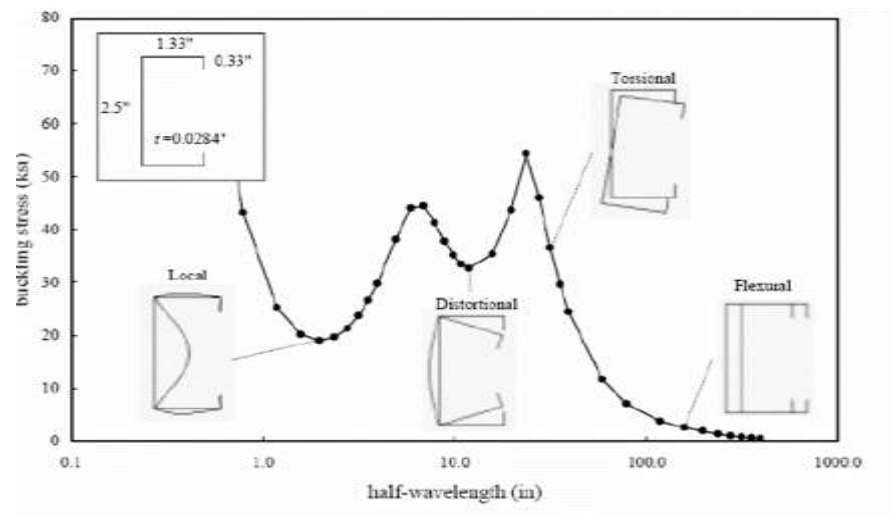


Figure 1.2 Mode of Failure

### 1.3 Objectives

- i. To determine the maximum compression load that can be carry by open built-up steel section before failure.
- ii. To identify the mode of failure of the sigma section under compression with hole and without holes.

### 1.4 Scope of study

To achieve these objectives, the testing in the lab will conducted to get the data analysis. The scope of this research covers the analysis of mode of failures of built-up open sections. In Figure The different distances of the opening holes with the width 103mm and thickness 1.2 mm and also 2.0mm of the specimen. The point Load has been marked to as reference of transducer was applied at the specimen. So that, the list of the Specimen needs to be tested as shown in table 1.1:

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